

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 21, 2023

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti (2:12), Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, Roxanne Wadman and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: David Cordell

Director Wadman called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Mary Flowers with Citizens for a Better Flathead and Jennifer Tipton, Landowner.

Mary Flowers stated that she was at the meeting to learn more about LCWSD regarding the sewer system. She provided General Manager Olson with a list of questions that she would like addressed at a later date. Mary voiced concern about the Flathead County septage receiving site location. She stated that she would like to see an energy conversion waste system as opposed to a composting site.

Jennifer Tipton expressed her concern about the Flathead County septage receiving site location, as well as concern about LCWSD expanding the irrigation system on the Districts existing property that has been marked for treatment site expansion. Jennifer questioned testing and treatment processes at the sewer treatment site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the February 21, 2023, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable February 2023 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for February 2023 were also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treatment Site Discussion: General Manager Olson informed the Board that Flathead County voted against the land purchase for the proposed septage receiving site. He informed the Board that the Interlocal Agreement that was previously agreed upon will no longer be valid if Flathead County decides to move forward on a different piece of property. A new Interlocal Agreement would need to be drafted.

General Manager Olson updated the Board on the progress of the LCWSD existing ARPA sewer treatment site expansion project. He stated that the Districts engineers have been working with soil engineers to navigate the best options for the location of a new holding cell. He also informed the Board that there will be an additional dig and test next week to gather more data for a potential groundwater discharge application. General Manager Olson explained the benefits of a groundwater discharge process. He also explained that if the permit is issued, it may eliminate the need for an additional holding cell and additional irrigation on the Districts 90-acre farm field, suggesting that those funds could instead be allocated toward additional pretreatment methods. The Board of Directors and General Manager Olson discussed the

benefits of pivoting from an exclusive holding cell with irrigation process, including sustainability, land stewardship, as well as the added benefit of additional capacity.

General Manager Olson informed the Board of Directors that the District is currently testing for tannins at various locations throughout the system to try to pinpoint where the majority of them are coming from. He explained the negative effects that tannins have on an ultraviolet disinfection system, and the importance of mitigating the current issue at the source.

Bid Package-New well: General Manager Olson informed the Board that the bid package has been prepared and is ready to be sent out for public bidding. Director Heim motioned to approve the bid package and to move forward with the bidding process, Director Fleming seconded, and the motion carried.

Lift Station #8: General Manager Olson updated the Board on a repair that is needed at Lift Station #8 on Conrad Point Rd. He stated that the problem has been diagnosed and explained the possible avenues that will be taken to repair the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bierney Creek Rd. Development: General Manager Olson informed the Board that he has been approached by a development group interested in building a subdivision off of Bierney Creek Rd. He explained that the developers are still in the preliminary stages of development, but have many questions about our water system that will require a water model. The previous water model was completed in 2004. Since that time, there have been some major upgrades to the Lakeside water system. Director Wadman motioned to pay half of the water model fee up to \$5,000.00. Director Fleming seconded, and the motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023)